IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.SIRI JAGAN

TUESDAY, THE 5TH JUNE 2007 / 15TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 17059 of 2007(E)

PETITIONER:

KAVITHA K.UNNI, D/O.T.KRISHNANUNNI,
'KAILASAM', 3 - SKYLINE GREENWOODS, PLACHODU ROAD,
PADAMUGAL, KAKKANAD, ERNAKULAM DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.R.RAMADAS

RESPONDENTS:

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1. UNION OF INDIA,
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI.

2. THE REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER, KOCHI.

BY ASST.SOLICITOR GENERAL SRI.P.PARAMESWARAN NAIR.

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 05/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

S. SIRI JAGAN, J.

WP(C) NO. 17059 OF 2007 - E

Dated this the 5th day of June, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioner is a permanent resident of Padamugal in Thrikkakkara Panchayath in Ernakulam District. On 2.11.2006, she made an application for issuance of a passport. After the filing of the application, on 9.11.2006 she had to go to Mumbai in connection with a two year training at Reliance Industries Limited. On the ground that the petitioner has gone to Mumbai after the filing of application, the second respondent is taking steps to transfer her application to Mumbai. The petitioner submits that if the file is transferred to Mumbai, the petitioner would not be in a position to pursue the application at Mumbai.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned Assistant Solicitor General who opposed the prayer, on instructions.

3. After hearing both sides, I am satisfied that merely because the petitioner has gone to Mumbai temporarily on account of training, her permanent residence does not shift and

therefore there is no necessity of transferring her application to Mumbai. Accordingly, I direct the second respondent to consider the application for passport of the petitioner without transferring it to Mumbai and pass appropriate orders, expeditiously.

The writ petition is disposed of with the above direction.

S. SIRI JAGAN,
Judge

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S.SIRI JAGAN, J

W.P.(C) NO. OF 2001

J U D G M E N T

DATED:01-06-2007